

Syrington 11th July 1837

Dear General, I have long hoped to hear from you and have intended from time to time to write you, but have from a miserable habit I have gotten into of disliking to write, failed to perform that duty to my friends. Mr. Breckinridge and Mrs. Lewis have just returned from Louisville where they have been as you know, several months — Mrs. Lewis' health is very delicate, she is quite feeble.

The principal object of this hasty communication is in relation to a negro man of mine, who ran away from me on the 14th of May and stole one of my best horses — On the 20th of May he wrote to his wife from Queens town — stating that he had gotten there safe — that he had sold his horse on the way for \$95. — that he had gone down the lake to Queens town, but does not say where he took the lake. I have just read another letter dated on "the 7th June Province of Upper Canada Town Niagara". This last letter is mailed at Youngs Town New York. I have had him indicted for horstealing. Now sir the end of the matter is this — I want to get the favour of you to employ some man in whom

You have Confidence, to decoy him over the line
have him apprehended and confined in jail as a
fellow on a fugitive from justice. — I will meet
whatever expense may be necessary. The name he
assumes is Solomon Moseby, a dark mulatto about
five feet 10 inches high, straight and finely formed
quick brisk motion and walk, pleasant cheerful
countenance — a fine manager of horses and
fine driver. Your children know him

Please write me on the receipt of this and
let me know the prospects for recovering him; and
whether there is any arrangement between the Govern-
ment of the United States and the Provinces of
Canada on the subject of fugitives from justice
It would be probably policy not to speak
of him as a slave, but as a fellow

You are doubtless apprised of the fact of
Mr. Breckinridge's man George also having
cleared out — he stole two horses one of which
was big sam, which has discommoded the old
lady very much.

If my man can be detected or decoyed
so that he can be secured don't stop at price. I
will meet it — It is important that energetic measures
should be used to put a stop to these escapes, for
they are becoming very common.

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There is no doubt in my mind ~~that~~ Mrs. Beckwidge's
Man and Mine were both sent of by old George
who drove ~~the~~ Beckwidge to Black Rock.

Please remember me affectionately to Elizabeth
and Peter. and accept for yourself my most
Sincere regard

David Castleman

Get a reputation from the Governor of
Kentucky to the Gov. of Upper Canada
to remove Solomon Mundy on a charge
of Horse stealing also send the warrant
from Kentucky issued on the adulterous
being found and an officer from
Buffalo will take him without
difficulty

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Black Rock
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July 12. 1837

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